

## COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

<b>Project Proposal Title:</b> <u>MS Crystal Serenity - Crystal Cruises LLC Northwest Passage 2017</u>	
<b>Proponent:</b> <u>Crystal Cruises LLC</u>	
<b>Location:</b> <u>Qikiqtani (North Baffin) and Kitikmeot Region</u>	
<b>Comments Due By:</b> <u>May 19, 2017</u>	<b>NIRB #:</b> <u>16TN039</u>

**Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> no concerns</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> water quality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> terrain</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> air quality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> human health issues</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> other: _____</li> </ul>
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**Please describe the concerns indicated above:**

**Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?**


- The Canada Shipping Act, 2001 (CSA, 2001), which provides an overall regime to protect safety and the environment for vessels operating in Canadian jurisdiction;
- The draft Guidance Document for Passenger Vessels Operating in the Canadian Arctic, which sets out regulations to be observed, how to prepare for the Northwest Passage, and indigenous permitting requirements.
- The Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act (AWPPA), which provides enhanced protection for vessels operating in Canadian jurisdiction north of 60°North latitude, and establishes a zero-discharge regime. It prohibits discharges from oil, chemicals, garbage and other wastes generated onboard. The regulations under AWPPA also establish vessel control systems for preventing a vessel from operating in ice conditions which exceed its capability;
- The Marine Liability Act (MLA), which sets out a regime that requires vessels operating in Canadian jurisdiction to carry insurance to pay for damages from oil spills. There are various regimes available to pay for cleanup and compensation costs, such as ship owners' insurance, domestic and international funds. These regulations establish liability limits and insurance requirements to cover damages caused by the deposits of waste in Arctic waters;
- Vessels coming into and out of Canadian waters will also be subject to the Ballast Water Control and Management Regulations which protect waters under Canadian jurisdiction from non-indigenous aquatic organisms and pathogens that can be harmful to ecosystems through the

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management of ships' ballast water. and;

- if foreign vessels are used for the project they will be subject to the Coasting Trade Act (CTA), which supports domestic marine interests by reserving the coasting trade of Canada to Canadian registered ships, with limited exemptions. The legislation provides an administrative process to temporarily import a foreign vessel under a coasting trade license when a suitable Canadian registered vessel is not available.

**Do you support the project proposal? Yes    No    Any additional comments?**

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**Signature:**  **Date:** May 18, 2017